

2010 WARREN COUNTY FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

- GR1. **Eligibility.** 4-H members (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level) who are enrolled in the Warren County 4-H Program by December 1, 2010, and are enrolled in the appropriate species projects in the Warren County 4-H Program, are eligible to compete. New members enrolling in the 4-H program after December 1, 2009 will be allowed to show and sell *but are not eligible to compete in the Rate of Gain Contest.*
- GR2. All 4-H livestock entries must be filed through the Warren County Extension Office by the established deadlines. The Extension Staff will validate all entries.
- GR3. Requirements for Participation
- All market animals must be weighed at the official weigh-ins for this program. No exceptions. They will be weighed a second time at the start of Fair. Each exhibitor may weigh in one (1) extra project animal at first weigh-in to be substituted in case of sickness, injury or death (*but they may still only check-in and show 2 market animals per species total at the Warren County Fair!*).
 - All animals exhibited must be completely and fully owned, identified, and in the continual daily care of the exhibitor by the deadline date specified for each specie. Exhibitors that are unable to house their livestock at their own residence must request approval from Warren County Extension when enrolling and declaring livestock projects.
 - An approved record book for the project animals to be exhibited must be up-to-date and turned in to the Warren County Extension Office by June 16, 2010 by 5:00 p.m. The appropriate signatures for the project book must be included. **Participation in the show and sale will be denied without turning in the up-to-date and approved record book(s) to Extension Office.**
 - Record books must be completed following the show and presented *by the specified time.* **Failure to submit a completed project book at the end of the 4-H year will result in a one-year suspension from participation in the 4-H Livestock Show and Sale.** *Any project dropped after June 1 due to premature sale or death of the animal will still be considered a complete project and the 4-Her must submit a completed project record in order to show during the following year.*
- GR4. Misrepresentation, fraud, or deception related to an entry will result in exclusion from the show. If such misrepresentation, fraud, or deception is discovered after the entry has been shown, but prior to the sale, then the animal will not be permitted to sell; and if discovered after the sale, then all sale money will be returned to the buyer and the animal or carcass returned to the exhibitor. In any case, all premiums, awards, trophies, or sale money won by the exhibitor with an illegal entry will be withheld. The following will be considered to be misrepresentation, fraud, or deception:
- Knowingly altering tags on animals.
 - Knowingly providing false age of the animal.
 - Knowingly providing false breeding of the animal.
 - Knowingly providing false information about ownership and care.
 - Any alteration, injection, or other attempt to artificially change the temperament, form, shape, or size of the animal, except for working with the hair or wool.
 - Use of drugs for non-therapeutic uses (other than to treat disease or illness), whether administered orally or injected (example - tranquilizers).

- Use of any compound in violation of withdraw periods.
- Any other practice that is deemed to be misrepresentation, fraud, or deception by the show committee.
- Any suspicious activity should **immediately** be brought to the attention of Extension or Barn Staff.

Extension reserves the right to obtain blood, urine or other types of samples from any or all animals in the show to monitor the drug status of such animals.

- GR5. A mandatory exhibitor meeting will be held prior to the Fair.
- GR6. Virginia Cooperative Extension and Warren County Extension will define and have the final decision on rules.
- GR7. All exhibitors must sign-in with the Extension or Barn Staff at 3:00 p.m. All exhibitors are expected to prepare the barn for public access at 4:00 p.m. Excused absences must be in writing and pre-approved by the Extension Staff. One unexcused absence will forfeit the exhibitors Fair Premiums. For every following unexcused absence a \$10.00 fine will be withdrawn from the Exhibitor's Final Sale Check.
- GR8. Any animal, that constitutes a health and/or safety hazard to other animals, exhibitors, or spectators, must be removed from the grounds immediately.
- GR9. All animals must be dehorned/ horns tipped or burned/docked/slick shorn, etc. All animals must be washed clean. All steers and heifers must have both a halter and secondary lead rope while housed in the barn.
- GR10. Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services Livestock Marketing Graders will grade all animals. **The grader's decision is final.**
- GR11. All 4-Hers are expected to handle and maintain their own animals to the fullest extent possible. Educational help will be available at the Fair, but 4-Hers must assume primary responsibility for their chores. This includes cleaning your own pens, feeding/watering your animals, providing feed for your own animals. Any bedding material is allowed, so long as it allows for a clean/dry pen.
- GR12. The 4-H exhibitor must handle his/her own livestock in all shows except in the case of showing two animals in the same class or in case of exhibitor illness or in case of special circumstances with prior approval from Extension. In such cases, another bonafide Warren County 4-H member enrolled by 12/1/2009 may be secured to show one or more animals. Extension and Barn Staff shall provide back-up ring workers as needed.
- GR13. All exhibitors are expected to abide by all show rules. Appropriate 4-H conduct is expected of all exhibitors, volunteers, parents or guardians, and guests of exhibitors. Any person acting otherwise will be asked to leave the grounds by Extension and/or Fair Association. Exhibitor(s) and parent(s) must sign a Virginia Cooperative Extension Code of Conduct.
- GR14. All 4-H Market Shows will be divided into classes by weight, not breed.
- GR15. **Clarifications on Fitting:**
- Animals should be clipped prior to arrival at the Warren County Fair (when applicable) – however, touch-up trimming and fitting can be done by the Exhibitor for the duration of the Fair. Fitting consists of adhesive use only.

- For the duration of the Fair, any Warren County 4-H Member enrolled by December 1, 2009 is allowed to help any 4-H Livestock Exhibitor wash, blow dry, trim or otherwise fit the animals.
 - For the duration of the Fair, only Warren County 4-H Volunteers and immediate family members are allowed to wash and blow dry, but not trim or otherwise fit the animals.
 - Exhibitors are not allowed to fit with paint products; only adhesives are permitted.
 - Fitting is optional for market and showmanship classes.
- GR16. Animals entered into showmanship classes must be officially shown by the owner. All showmanship classes will be based on showmanship only.
- GR17. All exhibitors must show in their respective showmanship classes to be eligible to show in a market class and sell animal at the auction. Underweight animals will be allowed to show in a showmanship class.
- GR18. Any and all complaints must be presented to Extension Staff in writing before the day of show and must be signed by the person or persons registering the complaint. **Only youth Exhibitors may lodge official complaints.**
- GR19. Animals must be registered and marked and/or tagged. All tagging must be completed by the date indicated in the specie rules and prior to the show for that specie. If a tag is lost, the Extension Office must be notified within one week and a new tag must be secured.
- GR20. 4-H livestock Exhibitors and adult volunteers will abide by all rules of the Fair Association.
- GR21. **Risk and Liability.** The exhibitor assumes all risks of damage or loss, either to person, livestock or property, for all and every cause whatsoever, including fire, the elements, violation of law, negligence either on the part of the Warren County 4-H program or the Warren County Fair Association, their officers, servants, agents, or employees, or other person or persons, and it is further expressly understood and agreed between the exhibitor and management, that the said organizations listed above incur no liability or obligation to the exhibitor, other than to permit the exhibitor to use the grounds or buildings for exhibits. Exhibitor(s) and parent(s) must sign a release waiver form.
- GR22. 4-H Exhibitors or Volunteers found to possess or be under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products (youth) may be asked to leave the premises. Adults should keep tobacco products away from the barn. In matters involving legal responsibility, final responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of these rules will rest with the Virginia Cooperative Extension and its representatives. **All decisions are final.**
- GR23. There must be a minimum of 3 animals enrolled in a project area for there to be a show class added.
- GR24. **Supreme Showmanship.** The OVERALL showman from each of the four market species classes is eligible for the Supreme Showmanship show. *If the overall showman won Supreme Showmanship the prior year he/she must sit-out for one (1) year. Overall showman may forfeit place to the 2nd place showman for that species.* **Animal selection(s) will be made by Extension Staff, along with owners permission to use the animal.**
- GR 25. All exhibitors shall be limited to two (2) market animals per species. In addition a 4-Her may also show up to four (4) breeding animals per species. Project books must be submitted and up to date on market and breeding animals in order to show at the Warren County Fair. Any animal shown in a market class is NOT ELIGIBLE to show in the breeding classes.

- GR26. Breeding animals will be housed in the barn only if space permits otherwise the animals will be brought to the fairgrounds the day of the show and must be removed from the fairground that night. Breeding animals must remain on the trailer until show time if they are not housed in the barn. All breeding animals must be accompanied by the proper health papers and be approved by Extension before they can enter the barn. Market animals will have the first priority to be housed in the barn followed by those breeding animals which will be sold at the auction. **NO** male breeding animals will be housed in the barn even if space permits.
- GR27. Only 4-Hers, parents, family members, that are current VLA members, and Extension Staff paid and unpaid, will be allowed in the area where exhibitors are preparing for and during the livestock shows.